A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member, Cheryl Cotner, member and Warren V. Nash, president.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshall Chris Koehler, Linda Moeller, Tonya Fischer, Shane Gibson, Jessica Campbell, John Rosenbarger, Larry Summers, Alicia Meredith, Police Chief Bailey and Vicki Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nash called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tim Harding with German Mutual Insurance re: Sign on building at 428 Vincennes Street.**

Mr. Harding stated that they purchased the building at 428 Vincennes Street and are planning to relocate there from Grant Line Road. He said that they have a permit request submitted and presented the board with a drawing of the sign and asked the board for approval.

Mr. Nash stated that the building commissioner would have to approve it and this board could approve it subject to his approval.

Mr. Harding presented his permit application to the board.

Ms. Cotner moved to approve subject to the final approval of the building commissioner, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. **Rod Muyerholtz re: Blocking parking in front of 318 Pearl Street on December 29th and 30th.**

Not Present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Ms. Linda Aldridge stated that the lighting in front of the high school is atrocious. She explained that the lights do not match with the crosswalks and the little signs that stick into the ground are not lighted so if it is raining they aren't seen. She stated that if the lights coincided with the crosswalks or there was a flashing light that illuminated the crosswalks then maybe there wouldn't be as many issues with children and adults darting out in front of cars. She stated that another thing that might help is if the police office that is in the area was out of his vehicle and more visible rather than sitting in his car that could help. She explained that something needs to be done for the safety of the students.

Mr. Nash asked if she is speaking of any specific areas in front of the school.

Ms. Aldridge stated that there are three crosswalks that are still in the dark or only lighted by that small light in the ground.

Mr. Nash stated that they had this discussion a few months ago but it was probably before daylight savings time.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have been working with Perry Parsons who is the school resource officer and have been up there three times. He said that the first time signs were installed at each crosswalk and they have installed flashing signs at either end Vincennes Street and talked to the school about installing solar flashers on each of those crosswalk signs.

Ms. Aldridge stated that she thinks that would help tremendously.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he would go out there sometime in the morning to observe the situation.

Mr. Nash stated that the assistant school superintendent and principal came before the board several months ago to express their concerns and this board is very aware and concerned about the safety of the children and do not want to see anyone hurt.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Time Warner re: Street cut request on East Spring Street**

Mr. Art McMahan stated that they have a customer at 115 E. Market Street that wants fiber service and there is a pole on the side of the building but there is no aerial route to get to the pole. He explained that need about 415 feet coming out of the alley and going down Spring Street to a telephone pole that has a can which is the tie point for their service. He stated that he walked two blocks each way looking for an aerial route but didn't see anything that could be used. He explained that if it is approved he was planning to do it at night time and have everything scheduled for first thing in the morning for flow fill and the black top and have it done in a day.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers if he had a chance to review this.

Mr. Summers explained that they would prefer for them to find an aerial route but if there isn't one that exists then the only alternative would be for him to do the work at night.

Mr. Nash asked why an aerial route could not be found.

Mr. McMahan explained that when he went out to walk the line the pole route comes from Spring and it never came back up from Main. He stated that he will walk it further to make sure.

Mr. Nash asked when they wanted to do it.

Mr. McMahan stated that if they could get underground approved he would like to start next week after he made sure he could get the fill and blacktop scheduled for the same time.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to the approval of the City Engineer after they check further for an alternative aerial. , Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

2. **Tables outside of business at 1515 E. Market St. for Taste of Mexico**

Mr. Thompson stated that he has not heard from them and will check back with him.

3. **Safety issues with the parking lot behind the Calumet Club**

Mr. Summers stated that he was out last week and didn't get to review it any further and would like to table it for one more week.

BIDS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

1. **John Rosenbarger re: INDOT-LPA Contract for the Comprehensive Transportation Safety Plan Project.**

Mr. Rosenbarger explained that they have a consultant contract already in place so this is just a formality to sign the agreement to secure the funds. He explained that he handed out an outline of the study itself and went over the highlights of the outline. Said outline is on file with the City Clerk's office. He stated that this is getting underway now and is due to be complete by September. He explained that there will be a huge volume of data collected and they will form a committee to go through it and Chief Bailey has already expressed interest in being part of that.

Police Chief Bailey stated that their job is to support the road study audit and be a part of the public meetings to support the project and add a level of checks and balances.

Mr. Nash asked if Vincennes and Spring is still high on the accident list.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that it is still a very high accident location. He explained that they have a grant now to get left apposing turn lanes at the Spring Silver intersection and they will be making improvements to that over the next year.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Rosenbarger to speak about the railroad crossings.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that there are two railroads with not a lot of major crossings for Norfolk Sothern and CSX has ceased service between Hausfeldt Lane and Mitchell Indiana. He explained that the safety elements all remain in play with at least 2 dozen crossings, which is a lot for this area.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the contract in the amount of $94,500.00, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

2. Shane Gibson re: Joint Resolution between Floyd County and the City of New Albany concerning the transfer of certain traffic signals and bridges

Mr. Gibson stated that the board has a contract in front of them that the County Commissioners signed off on last week transferring some assets that are in either the city or the county's control to the other. He stated that it is listed in the contract which is on file with the City Clerk's Office. He explained that it makes more sense to them all that they fall under one umbrella and stated that there is a transfer of the roadway back to the city, so essentially there won't be any miscommunication on what is to be done at these locations in the future.

Mr. Thompson stated that it makes sense to him to take action and approve this request.

Mr. Nash asked why this hasn't been done sooner.

Mr. Gibson stated that the county just got the transfer from the state a while back.

Ms. Cotner moved to approve the joint resolution with Floyd County, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that there is a curb on Foundation Boulevard that the fire truck ran over and it came up and smashed the oil pan. He explained that it is for sure a city street and wanted to make the board aware that there is a problem there.

Mr. Nash asked if the truck was repaired.

Chief Juliot stated that it should be done today or tomorrow and will cost about $2,000.00

Police Chief Bailey stated that Officer Clark has a family function and would like to reserve the amphitheater from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2015.

Ms. Cotner moved to approve subject to the approval of the Riverfront Director, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Thompson stated that the board received an email from Mr. Keithley regarding sidewalks on Schell Lane and explained that they are looking into it.

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented Claims Docket for 11/27 – 12/11/2014 for approval that included the following:

General Claims (Bank 1):	**$63,417.70**
Fire Department:	**$25,865.58**
Police Department:	**$17,233.16**
Street Department:	**$42,472.34**
Parks Department:	**$99,874.22**

Stormwater/Drainage: **$51,864.43**
Redevelopment (Banks-A,G,T,1,6,111B): **$85,969.76**
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L): **$0.00**
Payroll Claims (Bank 2): **$0.00**
Sanitation Fund: **$0.00**
Thursday Utility Claims: **$147,189.77**

Grand Total: **$533,886.96**

Ms. Cotner moved to approve the above claims, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Cotner moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes for December 2, 2014, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Warren V. Nash, President Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk